

ZERO'S

FAMILIAR

Chevalier

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The Story Thus Far

SAITO HIRAGA WAS AN ORDINARY TEENAGER, UNTIL THE DAY HE WAS SUMMONED TO THE MAGICAL WORLD OF HALKEGINIA. A CUTE BUT INEPT MAGE NAMED LOUISE SCREWED UP HER SUMMONING SPELL AND MADE HIM HER FAMILIAR, A MAGICAL SERVANT MEANT TO PROTECT HER AND DO HER BIDDING.

LOUISE'S CHILDHOOD FRIEND, PRINCESS HENRIETTA OF TRISTAIN, WAS MANIPULATED INTO A POLITICAL MARRIAGE THAT WAS USED AS COVER TO ATTACK HER COUNTRY. A SHADOWY FORCE KNOWN AS THE RECONQUISTA INFILTRATED ALBION'S GOVERNMENT TO SPARK A WAR BETWEEN ALBION AND TRISTAIN. ALBION'S GREATER MILITARY FORCE AND MASSIVE FLEET OF FLYING SHIPS WOULD HAVE CRUSHED TRISTAIN'S FORCES IF NOT FOR A LAST MINUTE WILD CARD--SAITO, WHO MANAGED TO FIX AND PILOT A ZERO FIGHTER PLANE THAT HAD FOUND ITS WAY TO THIS WORLD, AND LOUISE, WHOSE LEGENDARY VOID MAGIC AWAKENED JUST IN TIME, MANAGED TO REPEL THE ALBION FORCES.

IN THE SHADOW OF THE UPCOMING WAR, LOUISE AND SAITO ARE GIVEN A SPECIAL ASSIGNMENT BY THE QUEEN AND TOLD TO DEPART TO THE FRONT. FIRST, THEY NEEDED THE APPROVAL OF LOUISE'S FAMILY--BUT INSTEAD OF RECEIVING THEIR BLESSING, LOUISE WAS NEARLY LOCKED UP BY HER OWN FATHER AND HAD TO ESCAPE WITH THE HELP OF HER BELOVED SISTER CATTLEYA.

Halkeginia Map





✦ Tabitha ✦

A TOP STUDENT AT TRISTAIN'S MAGIC ACADEMY. DESPITE BEING A GIRL OF FEW WORDS AND FEWER EXPRESSIONS, SHE IS VERY CLOSE WITH LOUISE AND CO. ALSO KNOWN AS "TABITHA THE SNOWSTORM."



✦ Louise ✦

A SECOND-YEAR STUDENT AT TRISTAIN'S MAGIC ACADEMY. SAITO'S MASTER. SHE HAS PINK-BLOND HAIR AND REDDISH-BROWN EYES. SHE WIELDS THE LEGENDARY ELEMENT KNOWN AS "VOID." DAUGHTER OF A POWERFUL NOBLE FAMILY, SHE IS EXTREMELY PRIDEFUL AND STUBBORN. ALSO KNOWN AS "LOUISE THE ZERO."

✦ Kirche ✦

LOUISE AND TABITHA'S FRIEND AND ANOTHER STUDENT AT THE MAGIC ACADEMY. SHE HAS A BRIGHT, WILD PERSONALITY AND SPECIALIZES IN FIRE MAGIC. ALSO KNOWN AS "KIRCHE THE ARDENT."



✦ Siesta ✦

A COMMONER. SIESTA IS 17 YEARS OLD AND WORKS AS A MAID AT THE TRISTAIN MAGIC ACADEMY. SHE HAS FEELINGS FOR SAITO AND MAKES THEM KNOWN OFTEN. HAS AN IMPRESSIVE RACK.



✦ Henrietta ✦

PRINCESS, AND LATER QUEEN, OF THE KINGDOM OF TRISTAIN. SHE TOOK THE THRONE AT THE START OF THE WAR WITH ALBION. LOUISE'S CHILDHOOD FRIEND.



✦ Saito Hiraga ✦

AN ORDINARY JAPANESE HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT, SAITO WAS SUMMONED BY LOUISE AS HER FAMILIAR. HE LATER DISCOVERED THAT HE'S THE LEGENDARY FAMILIAR KNOWN AS "GANDALF," WITH THE ABILITY TO WIELD ANY WEAPON. HE USUALLY FIGHTS WITH DERFLINGER, A MAGICAL BLADE THAT'S CAPABLE OF SPEECH.



✦ Cattleya ✦

LOUISE'S SECOND-OLDEST SISTER. LOUISE ABSOLUTELY ADORES HER.



CLAP
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CLAP
\$h, ☆

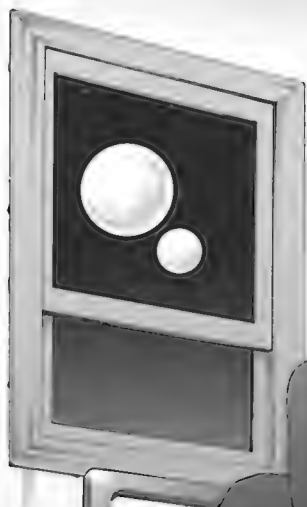
ALL RIGHT!
NOW THAT
ALL OUR
CUSTOMERS
ARE GONE...

I'LL
ANNOUNCE
THE
RESULTS
OF THE
TIP
RACE~!





Chapter 7: The Enchanted Fairy Tavern - part IV



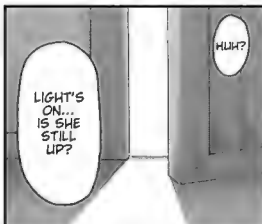






I GUESS
MAYBE
SHE'S WORN
OUT FROM
USING HER
MAGIC FOR
THE FIRST
TIME IN A
WHILE.

STUPID
LOUISE. SHE
WINS THE TIP
RACE, BUT
THEN SHE
SAYS SHE'S
GOING TO TAKE
THE DAY OFF
TO SLEEP.



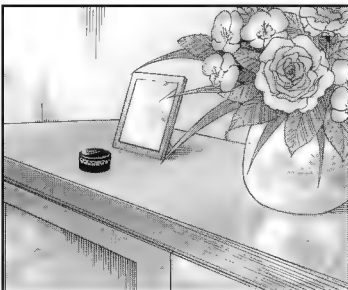
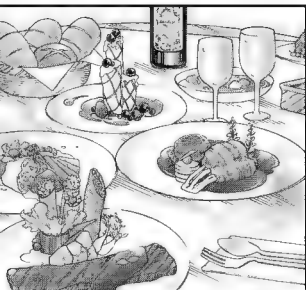
LIGHT'S
ON...
IS SHE
STILL
UP?

HUIH?



BUT STILL!
THIS IS THE
ONLY DAY SHE
CAN USE THE
ENCHANTED
FAIRY
BUSTIER. I
THOUGHT
SHE'D TAKE
ADVANTAGE.

I
WONDER
WHAT
SHE'S
THINKING.





I MADE
IT.



WHAT
THE
...?

WHAT'S
ALL
THIS?



I THOUGHT
YOU WERE
GOING TO
WEAR THAT
TO WIN OVER
MORE OF THE
CUSTOMERS.



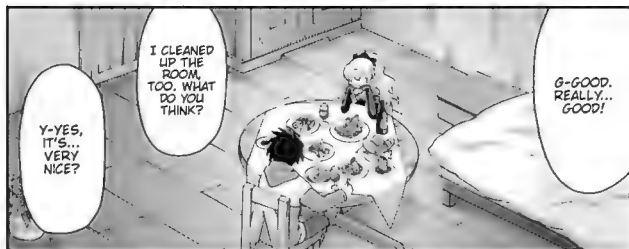
ARE YOU
GOING TO
STAND
THERE
LOOKING
LIKE AN
IDIOT ALL
NIGHT?

HURRY
UP, IT'S
TIME FOR
SUPPER.



SO LET'S
EAT ALREADY.
JESSICA
SPENT A LONG
TIME TEACHING
ME TO MAKE
ALL THIS. I
DON'T WANT
IT TO GO TO
WASTE!

YOU
SAID YOU
WOULDN'T
LET ANY
OF THEM
TOUCH
ME,
RIGHT?





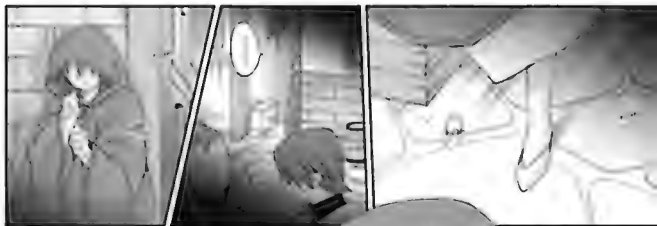


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Chapter 8: A Tristarian Holiday - Part I









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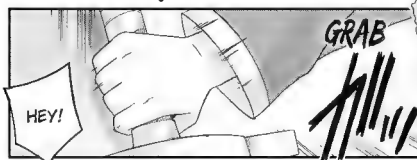
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TILT

DOGS
ONLY LEARN
THROUGH
CLEAR
REWARDS AND
PUNISHMENTS.

STAY.
YOU STAY
RIGHT
THERE
AND
LISTEN UP,
GOT IT?



Right



HEY!

GRAB
はっ
はっ



DASH

G-GET
BACK
HERE!



KA-CHK









GUIDE ME
THERE.
PLEASE.



THANK
YOU, MR.
SAITO.



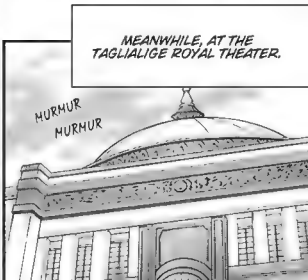
SIGH... WELL,
IF SHE HASN'T
CHASED
AFTER ME BY
NOW, SHE'S
PROBABLY
WORKING. I
GUESS IT'LL
BE FINE.

I'LL
BRING
YOU
THERE.

OKAY.



TRISTAIN'S
FORCES HAVE
LARGELY BEEN
GATHERED
FOR THE
INEVITABLE
WAR AGAINST
ALBION.



MEANWHILE, AT THE
TAGLIALIGE ROYAL THEATER.

MURMUR
MURMUR



I SEE...



WE WON'T HAVE THE SHIPS TO DEFEND OURSELVES FOR AT LEAST HALF A YEAR.

WHAT ABOUT THE FLEET? HOW FAR ALONG IS THE CONSTRUCTION?



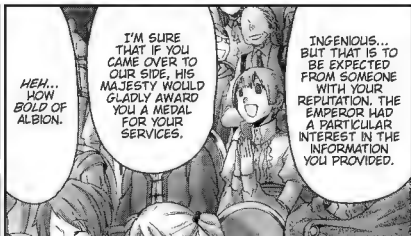
YOU KNOW... IF WE'D MET IN A SECRET ROOM SOMEWHERE, WE'D BOTH BE IMMEDIATELY SUSPECTED OF SOME HEINOUS PLOT.



TRISTAIN'S SENIOR STATESMAN
RICHEMONT



BE PRACTICAL, MY LORD. WE BOTH KNOW THIS COUNTRY WILL BE PART OF ALBION SOON ENOUGH.



HEH... HOW BOLD OF ALBION.

I'M SURE THAT IF YOU CAME OVER TO OUR SIDE, HIS MAJESTY WOULD GLADLY AWARD YOU A MEDAL FOR YOUR SERVICES.

INGENIOUS... BUT THAT IS TO BE EXPECTED FROM SOMEONE WITH YOUR REPUTATION. THE EMPEROR HAD A PARTICULAR INTEREST IN THE INFORMATION YOU PROVIDED.



I ONLY
SNUCK
OUT FOR
A SHORT
TIME...

IT SEEMS
I'VE CAUSED
QUITE THE
COMMOTION.



THANKS
TO YOUR...
COOPERATION,
WE'RE WELL
AWARE OF
TRISTAIN'S
MILITARY
SECRETS.

MEANWHILE, IN THE
ATTIC ROOM.



I KNEW
YOUR
LOCATION
FROM
LOUISE'S
REPORT.



ISN'T
SNEAKING
OUT LIKE
THIS
KIND OF
SELFISH?

YOUR
MAJESTY...
YOU'RE
ACTING
AS THE
QUEEN
NOW,
RIGHT?



BUT...I'M
GLAD I
MANAGED TO
FIND YOU SO
QUICKLY.

I HAD
SOMETHING
VERY
IMPORTANT
TO TAKE
CARE OF.

SMILE

TRISTAIN'S
YOUNG
QUEEN
GREW UP
WITH LOUISE,
AND THEY'RE
REALLY
CLOSE
FRIENDS.

QUEEN
HENRIETTA.



A VERSION
OF WALES
WAS
BROUGHT
BACK TO
LIFE, BUT
LOUISE AND
I HAD TO
SLAY HIM.

SHE WAS
MADLY IN LOVE
WITH PRINCE
WALES, WHO
WAS KILLED BY
WARDEN OF THE
RECONQUISTA.



THAT THE
GOVERNMENT
RAISED
TAXES TO
FUND THE
WAR, AND
THE QUEEN'S
POPULARITY
IS WAY DOWN
BECAUSE
OF IT.

SHE
ALSO
TOLD
ME...



AFTER
LOSING
THE PRINCE
TWICE, HER
GENTLE
PERSONALITY
WARPED INTO
SOMETHING
DIFFERENT.

LOUISE TOLD ME
THAT TRISTAIN
IS GETTING
READY FOR AN
OFFENSIVE
STRIKE AGAINST
RECONQUISTA-
CONTROLLED
ALBION.



ANYWAY,
I'LL GO
GET
LOUISE--





SO PLEASE
DON'T
TELL
LOUISE
THAT
I'M
HERE.

I DON'T
WANT HER
TO BE
DISAP-
POINTED
IN ME.

I KNOW
MY BEING
HERE IS
SELFISH...



DASH

YOU
MUSTN'T!

FREEZE

HI!!



SO, UNTIL
TOMORROW,
I NEED YOU
TO BE MY
BODYGUARD!

GRASP



HOW-
EVER...

I DIDN'T
COME
HERE TO
SEE HER
TODAY.

EVERY DAY
WITHOUT
FAIL,
LOUISE
SENDS ME
A DETAILED
REPORT
OF HER
OBSER-
VATIONS.



HUH
...?



TODAY AND
TOMORROW,
I MUST BE
ABLE TO
BLEND IN
WITH THE
COMMONERS.

NO ONE
TIED TO THE
PALACE CAN
KNOW WHAT
I'M DOING,
NOT EVEN
LOUISE.



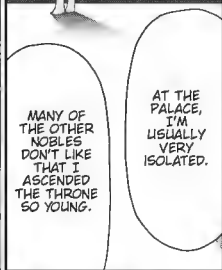
AND EVEN WORSE...



I KNOW THAT THERE ARE TRAITORS AMONG THEM.



I'M SURE YOU WOULDN'T KNOW THIS, BUT...



MANY OF THE OTHER NOBLES DON'T LIKE THAT I ASCENDED THE THRONE SO YOUNG.

AT THE PALACE, I'M USUALLY VERY ISOLATED.



REALLY?

SINCE YOU'RE THE ONE ASKING, YOUR MAJESTY.

SNEAKING OUT ON HER OWN LIKE THIS...

MAYBE SHE'S TRYING TO PROTECT LOUISE BY NOT BREAKING HER COVER.

OKAY, I'M IN.

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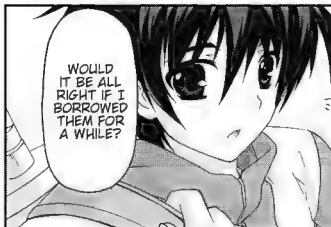


BUT, BEFORE I GO...

IF I STAY HERE, IT'S ONLY A MATTER OF TIME BEFORE LOUISE FINDS ME.

I DON'T NEED TO LEAVE THE CITY, BUT TO COMPLETE MY INVESTIGATIONS WITHOUT GETTING CAUGHT, I'LL NEED TO FIND SOMEWHERE ELSE TO HIDE.

WHERE DO YOU WANT TO GO, ANYWAY?



THERE'S THESE CLOTHES-- LOUISE BROUGHT THEM TO PASS AS A COMMONER.

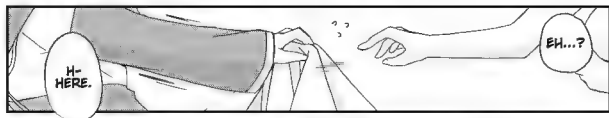


GAH!!





PLEASE
PASS ME
THE OUTFIT.



H-
HERE.

EH...?



HMM...
WELL, I
SUPPOSE
IT WILL
HAVE TO
DO.



IT WAS
MEANT
FOR
LOUISE,
SO NO
SURPRISE
THERE.



IT'S A
LITTLE
SMALL,
ISN'T
IT?



AND THIS
WILL
FINISH THE
DISGUISE.

10#
FLIP

Uh...she
doesn't
look like
the Queen
anymore,
that's for
sure.



DRIP
DRIP
DRIP



NOW
THEN,
SHALL
WE?

TUG

IF I
GO OUT
DRESSED
LIKE THIS
AND ACT
LIKE WE'RE
LOVERS,
SURELY NO
ONE WILL
RECOGNIZE
ME.

MEANWHILE,
DOWNSTAIRS AT THE
ENCHANTED FAIRY
TAVERN.

WHAT
IS THE
MEANING
OF THIS?!

QUIET!
THIS HAS
NOTHING
TO DO
WITH SOME
LOWLY
BAR
WENCH!

IT HAS
EVERY-
THING
TO DO
WITH
ME!

DID HER
MAJESTY
ACTUALLY
GO MISS-
ING?!

I...

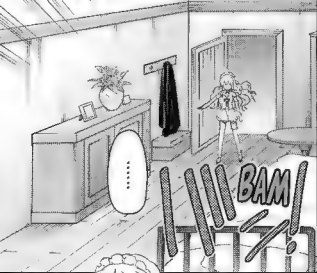
HERE'S
WHAT
WE
KNOW...

I'M
SORRY,
MY
LADY!

I MAY NOT
LOOK IT
RIGHT NOW,
BUT I'M
REALLY
ONE OF HER
MAJESTY'S
LADIES-IN-
WAITING...

SO TELL
ME WHAT
HAPPENED,
IMMEDIATELY!





SATO,
YOU BASTARD.
OF
COURSE
YOU
AREN'T
HERE
WHEN IT
MATTERS.



MAYBE
HE CAME
BACK
WHILE
I WAS
BUSY.



HE RAN
OUTSIDE
EARLIER,
BUT
MAYBE...



YOUR
MAJESTY...
PLEASE
BE SAFE.

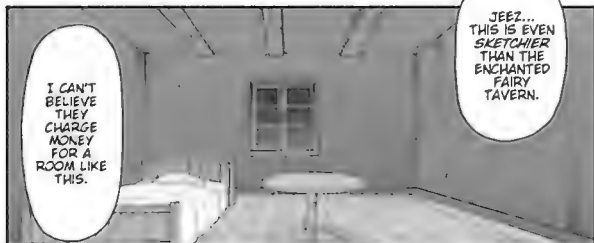


FIRST,
I NEED TO
GO TO THE
PALACE AND
QUESTION
THE MUSKET-
EERS ABOUT
WHAT
HAPPENED.



GRAB! じゃあ





I CAN'T BELIEVE THEY CHARGE MONEY FOR A ROOM LIKE THIS.

JEEZ... THIS IS EVEN SKETCHIER THAN THE ENCHANTED FAIRY TAVERN.



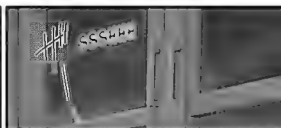
I THINK IT'S PERFECT.

WE WERE LUCKY TO FIND A PLACE TO STAY SO QUICKLY.

HEE HEE...



YES...THE ONLY WAY TO END THIS WAR IS TO SEND OUR TROOPS TO INVADE ALBION. OTHERWISE, IT WILL DRAG ON AND ON.



SO, YOUR PLAN...

IS IT SOMETHING FOR THE WAR?



DO YOU HATE THIS WAR?

YOU FOUGHT ON OUR BEHALF, BUT...



I'VE BEEN
FIGHTING TO
PROTECT
SOMEONE.
IF THAT'S
WHAT YOU
MEAN.

IS THERE
SOMEONE
YOU CARE
ABOUT?



I... I DON'T
KNOW HOW
TO ASK
FORGIVENESS
FOR THAT.

HOW MANY
PEOPLE WILL
DIE IN THIS
WAR I'M
WAGING?

I DON'T
THINK
THEY'D
FORGIVE
YOU,
ANYWAY.



THEN
IT'S ALL
MY FAULT
THAT YOU
HAVE TO
FIGHT.

I
SEE...



YES,
YOU'RE
RIGHT.



CLENCH







SINCE YOU'RE THE ONE
ASKING, YOUR MAJESTY.



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Chevalier

Chapter 9: A Tristanian Holiday - Part II





THE TRISTAIN ROYAL PALACE.

KIDNAP-
PED?!



I'll
pay POINT

ARE THE
MUSKETEERS
AN ELITE
SQUAD MEANT
TO SHOWCASE
OUR ARMY'S
INCOMPE-
TENCE?!



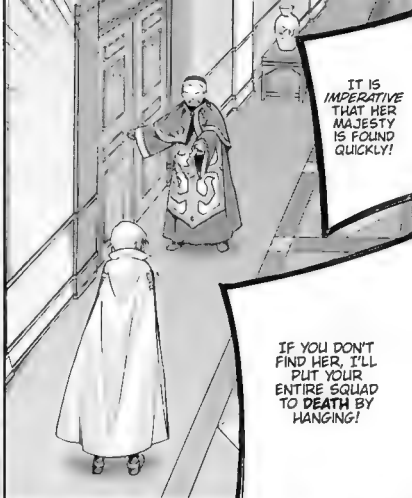
HERE.
THIS WILL
LET YOU
BLOCKADE
THE HARBOR
AND
HIGHWAY.

II
PRESS



WE ARE
DOING
EVERYTHING
WE CAN TO
REDEEM
OURSELVES,
MILORD.

SHAA



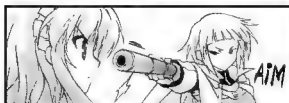


HOLD IT
RIGHT
THERE!

WAIT!



A
LADY-IN-
WAITING...?



AIM



AT THIS
DISTANCE,
MY GUN IS
MUCH MORE
ACCURATE
THAN MAGIC.

THOUGH I
DON'T WIELD
A WAND, I
AM STILL
A NOBLE...
YOU **MUST**
ANNOUNCE
YOURSELF
TO ME.



I AM ONE
OF HER
MAJESTY'S
LADIES-IN-
WAITING!

AND I
NEED TO
BORROW
YOUR
HORSE!

RIGHT
NOW!



AND
YOU?

I AM A
NOBLE-
WOMAN WHO
REPORTS
DIRECTLY
TO HER
MAJESTY...
DE LA
VALLIÈRE.



THE
MUSKET-
EERS?!

GRIT

W!



I AM
CAPTAN
OF HER
MAJESTY'S
MUSKET-
EERS...

AGNÈS
CHEVALIER
DE MILAN.

DE LA
VALLIÈRE
...?!



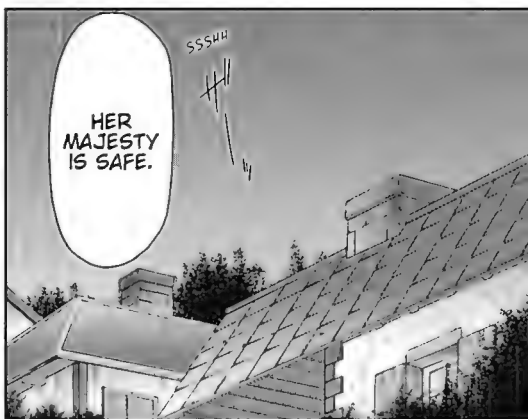
YOU
LET HER
MAJESTY BE
KIDNAPPED
OUT FROM
UNDER YOUR
NOSE!

E!
POINT

HOW
COULD
YOU
BE SO
STUPID!



IF
ANYTHING
HAPPENS
TO HER--
ANYTHING
AT ALL--
I'LL NEVER
FORGIVE
YOU!





「999 TROMP!!」

ALL
RIGHT,
WHAT
ARE YOU
HIDING IN
HERE--?









IF I
EVER DO
SOMETHING
SO WRONG
THAT I
CAN'T BE
REDEEMED...

DURING
THIS
WAR...



IF THINGS
KEEP GOING
LIKE THIS,
I'M GONNA
BE IN BIG
TROUBLE!

I
have
to tell
her
no...



I WANT
YOU TO
TAKE YOUR
SWORD AND
CUT ME
DOWN.



AND
YOU
THINK I
CAN?!
THERE'S
NO
WAY!

CREAK



I
THOUGHT
ABOUT
ASKING
LOUISE,
BUT...

I DON'T
THINK
SHE'D BE
ABLE TO
DO IT.



YOU
OF ALL
PEOPLE
COULD
PROTECT
EVERYONE
IF YOU
TRY!

YOU'RE
THE
QUEEN,
AND
LOUISE'S
BEST
FRIEND!

WHAT'S
WRONG
WITH YOU?!
STOP
ACTING SO
WEAK!



I WON'T
BE A
STAND-
IN FOR
SOMEBODY
ELSE.

YOU
KNOW...



I CAN'T...
I WON'T DO
ANYTHING
THAT MAKES
LOUISE SAD!

PRETEND
TO BE
YOUR
LOVER?
CUT YOU
DOWN?



BA-
DMP





YOU'VE
GOT PEOPLE
SEARCHING
EVERYWHERE
FOR YOU, AND
YOU'RE RISKING
YOUR LIFE TO
HIDE AWAY.

WILL YOU
TALK ME
IN SECRET
YOUR
MAJESTY?



I GUESS
YOU
DESERVE
TO KNOW
THE
WHOLE
STORY.

YOU DIDN'T
JUST RUN
AWAY ON A
WHIM, DID
YOU?



AND
THE
PART
IN THIS
TRAIL
IS ME.

BY
TOMORROW,
HE'LL SURELY
EMERGE FROM
HIS BURROW.



OR, SHOULD
I SAY...I'VE
BEEN AFTER A
VERY CLEVER
ONE FOR A
WHILE NOW,
AND I'VE Laid
A TRAP TO
CATCH HIM.

I'M ON
A PURSUIT
HUNT.

YH 200





DRAT,
HE'S
COMING
THIS
WAY.



IF THAT'S
ALL YOU
NEED, I'LL
TAKE MY
LEAVE,
SIR.

WHO'S
IN THAT
ROOM
...?



THIS
WAY.



GRAB

SQUISH



??

STARE

IF THE PAGE
DOESN'T
MAKE IT
BACK TO
THE PALACE
SAFELY,
THEY'LL
SUSPECT
SOMETHING'S
WRONG.



WHA-
?!

UM...

PULL



W-W-WH-
WHAT THE
HECK IS
THIS?
WHY IS THIS
RANDOM
GIRL K-K-
KISSING
ME?





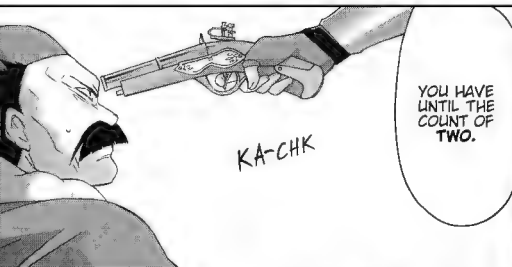






NOTHING
TO SAY?

YOUR
PRIDE AS
A NOBLE
WON'T LET
YOU SPEAK?



YOU HAVE
UNTIL THE
COUNT OF
TWO.



OR
PRIDE.



LIFE...





YOU TRULY
ARE MY
DEAREST
FRIEND. NO
MATTER HOW
FAR APART
WE ARE, YOU
ALWAYS FIND
A WAY TO
HELP ME.

I WAS SO
SURPRISED
BY AGNÈS'
REPORT THIS
MORNING--I
HAD NO IDEA
THAT YOU
TWO WOULD
BE WORKING
TOGETHER.



I OWE
YOU A
HUGE
DEBT.

THANK
YOU,
AGNÈS.

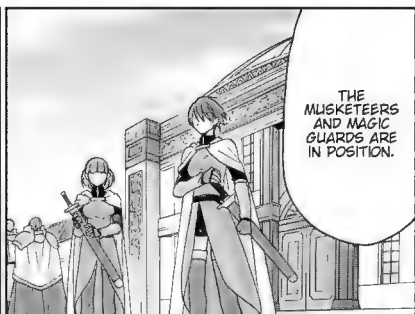


YOUR
MAJESTY
...

THE
PREPA-
RATIONS
ARE
COMPLETE.



WE HAVE
THE THEATER
COMPLETELY
SURROUNDED.



THE
MUSKETEERS
AND MAGIC
GUARDS ARE
IN POSITION.

THIS IS
SOMETHING
I MUST SEE
THROUGH TO
THE END, ON
MY OWN.



I WANT
YOU TO
WAIT
HERE.



SWISH

WELL,
I GUESS
I'LL BE
GOING.



IT'S
ALMOST
TIME
FOR THE
CURTAIN
TO RISE.

IF THINGS KEEP
GOING LIKE THIS, I'M
GONNA BE IN **BIG**
TROUBLE!



ZERO'S
FAMILIAR
Chevalier

Chapter 10 A Testalman Holiday - Part III



TAP

TAP



I THINK
WE'RE THE
SIDEKICKS
IN THIS
MISSION.



TAP
HI

HI



RECOIL

?!

CLARE

Uh...



HEY,
WHAT
THE
HECK--?

Uh
SNIFF Uh
SNIFF

HIJH
...?

IT'S
COMING
FROM
YOUR
NECK,
TOO...

DO
PEOPLE
NORMALLY
GET
PERFUME
ON
THE
BACK
OF
THEIR
NECK
FROM
ESCORTING
SOMEONE?

THEN, IT
PROBABLY
HAPPENED
WHEN I
TURNED
OVER IN MY
SLEEP, OR
SOMETHING
...

SNIFF

SNIFF

SNIFF



VERY
SUSPICIOUS...

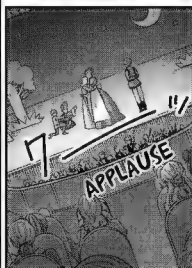
I KNOW
THIS
SMELL.

IT, UH,
MUST'VE
GOTTEN ON
ME WHEN
I WAS
ESCORTING
HER
BEFORE.

IT'S HER
MAJESTY'S
PERFUME!



THIS HAS
BECOME
VERY
INCONVENIENT.



APPLAUSE



THE QUEEN'S
DISAPPEARANCE...
COULD IT BE
AN ALBION
SCHEME?

OR IS IT THE
WORK OF
SOME THIRD
PARTY WITHIN
TRISTAIN...?



HOW
CURIOUS TO
SEE A MALE
AUDIENCE
MEMBER AT
A PLAY AIMED
AT WOMEN...



PLEASE
ALLOW ME TO
ACCOMPANY
YOU INSTEAD,
**LORD
RICHEMONT.**



EXCUSE
ME...

MY
COMPANION
WILL BE
ARRIVING
SOON.
WOULD YOU
MIND SITTING
ELSE-
WHERE?



SO...
YOU HID
YOURSELF
AWAY...

AS PART
OF A PLAN
TO FLUSH
ME OUT?

RUSTLE

AS FOR YOUR
COMPANION,
I WOULDN'T
WASTE YOUR
TIME WAITING
FOR HIM.



I FIGURED
THAT IF I
DISAPPEARED
SUDDENLY, YOU
WOULD PANIC
AND CALL IN
YOUR CONTACT.

IN A STATE
OF PANIC,
EVEN THE
MOST
CAUTIOUS
FOX WILL
SHOW ITS
TAIL...

THE QUEEN BEING
KIDNAPPED BY
SOMEONE OUTSIDE
YOUR CONTROL
WOULD PROBABLY
BE YOUR WORST
CASE SCENARIO,
AFTER ALL.

THE SECRET
ALBION ENVOY
YOU WERE
SUPPOSED TO
MEET HERE
WAS ARRESTED
LAST NIGHT.



I DIDN'T
WANT TO
BELIEVE IT.



I CAN!
ACT LIKE A
CHILD ANY
LONGER!





WHAT A
LOVELY
GIFT YOU'LL
MAKE TO
ALBION
WHEN I
DEFEAT
THERE.

AND AS
FOR YOU,
YOUR
AMUSE-
MENT

YOU'LL
COME
WITH ME.



QUEEN
HENRIETTA.

THE
STAGE IS
TRISTAIN.
THE
ACTORS
ARE
ALBION...
AND YOU
WILL BE
THE STAR
OF THE
SHOW...



SHOW'S
OVER!

KILL
ANYONE
WHO
MOVES!



UNFORTUNATELY
FOR YOU, I
WON'T BE GOING
ALONG WITH
YOUR SICK
LITTLE GAME.



FWIP

PREPARE
FOR YOUR
FINAL
CURTAIN
CALL, LORD
RICHEMONT!



swoo



BANG

BANG



BANG

BANG



NOW, GIVE
YOURSELF
UP, YOU
STUBBORN
OLD MAN!



THE ENTIRE
AUDIENCE ARE
MEMBERS OF THE
MUSKETEERS--
HIGHLY TRAINED
FIGHTERS, BUT
COMMONERS, SO
YOU WOULDN'T
SENSE A THREAT.



YOUR
AUDIENCE
YOU HAVE
TRULY
MATURED...



HURRY!

ALL
OF YOU,
SEARCH
FOR THE
TUNNEL'S
EXIT!



BUT YOU
STILL NEED
TO WORK
ON YOUR
ENDGAME!

STOP
SHIFT



AGNÈS,
PLEASE
FIND
HIM!

AFTER I
DEFECT, I'LL
HAVE TO
COME UP WITH
A PLAN OF
REVENGE.

THAT
WOMAN...



HOW DARE
SOME OVER-
ELEVATED
PEASANT GET
IN THE WAY OF
A NOBLE LIKE
ME...

BLAST... YOU
SAW THE
THEATER'S
BLUEPRINTS,
DIDN'T
YOU...?



WHAT A
STRANGE
ROUTE
HOME
YOU'RE
USING.



WHAT
DO YOU
WANT?

ALL THE
MONEY
TAKING
YOUR
LIFE, YOU
WOULD
MAKE IN A
LIFETIME.



THE SMALL
VILLAGE
WHERE I
WAS BORN...



ALL FOR
A LITTLE
BRIBE
FROM THE
CHURCH.

WAS FALSELY
ACCUSED
OF MANY
CRIMES, AND
DESTROYED,
BECAUSE OF
OUR BELIEFS.



IS THAT
WHAT IT
MEANS
TO BE A
NOBLE?

SELLING OUT
THE COMMON
PEOPLE, THEIR
COUNTRY, AND
THEIR QUEEN,
FOR MONEY...



グ

THNK

ENJOY
YOUR
RICHES
IN THE
AFTER-
LIFE.

I WON'T
BE
ACCEPTING
YOUR
OFFER.



BANG



YES...I'M
RELIEVED,
TOO.

THANK
YOU SO
MUCH,
LOUISE...



BEAM

I'M SO
GLAD
YOU'RE
SAFE,
YOUR
MAJESTY!



ホッ!!
BLUSH!!

INTIMATE?!



W-W-
WH-WHAT
ARE YOU
SAYING?!

IT WASN'T
ANYTHING,
REALLY. WE
PRETENDED
TO BE LOVERS
TO AVOID
ATTRACTING
THE ENEMY'S
ATTENTION...WE
EVEN PRESSED
OUR LIPS
TOGETHER TO
COMPLETE
THE RUSE.

ジャンプ
JUMP



PLEASE,
YOUR
MAJESTY,
I'M NO
HERO...

MORE
IMPORTANTLY,
LET ME INTRO-
DUCE YOU TO
THE HERO
WHO SINGLE-
HANDEDLY
FOUND AND
DEALT WITH
THE TRAITOR
AFTER HE
RAN...

NO NEED
FOR FORMAL
INTRODUC-
TIONS.

BESIDES,
MISS VALLIÈRE
AND I ARE
ALREADY
INTIMATELY
ACQUAINTED,
SO...







OH, IT'S
NOTHING
...



.....

WHAT WAS
THAT? WHY
DID THEY
RUSH OUT
OF HERE SO
SUDDENLY?



?

NOTHING
AT ALL...





ZERO'S
FAMILIAR
Chevalier

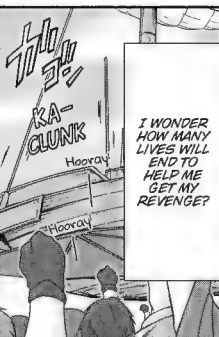


IT'S TIME...
OUR WAR
WITH ALBION
WILL BEGIN IN
EARNEST.



TO ESTABLISH
OUR SUPERIORITY
FROM THE VERY
FIRST BATTLE,
LOUISE'S
POWER--THE
POWER OF VOID--
IS VITAL.

LOUISE
BELIEVES
IN ME, SO
SHE HEADED
FOR THE
FRONT LINES
WITH NO
HESITATION.



I WONDER
HOW MANY
LIVES WILL
END TO
HELP ME
GET MY
REVENGE?



THIS WAR
IS NOT
FOR MY
COUNTRY
OR MY
PEOPLE.
ITS SOLE
PURPOSE
IS TO
AVENGE
THE MAN
I LOVE.



SOMEWHERE
IN THIS
CROWD IS A
GIRL I GREW
UP WITH...
SOMEONE
I CALL MY
CLOSEST
FRIEND.

HAIL
TRISTAIN!

HAIL
TRISTAIN!



CLENCH

MY SIN
WILL
NEVER
BE
ERASED,
NO
MATTER
WHAT I
DO...



AND
OTHERS
WHO LOVE
HER, AS
WELL.



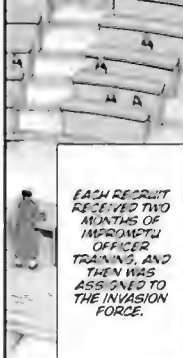
WHETHER
WE WIN
THIS
WAR, OR
LOSE.

TO
BATTLE!

ALL HAIL
TRISTAIN!

Chapter 2: The Ruby of Remembrance - Part I

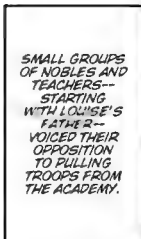




EACH RECRUIT
RECEIVED TWO
MONTHS OF
IMPROMPTU
OFFICER
TRAINING, AND
THEN WAS
ASSIGNED TO
THE INVASION
FORCE.



IN THE LEAD-
UP TO THE WAR
BETWEEN TRISTAIN
AND ALBION,
RECRUITMENT
OFFICERS VISITED
THE MAGIC ACADEMY,
AND MOST OF THE
MALE STUDENTS
AND FACULTY
APPLIED TO JOIN
THE WAR EFFORT.



SMALL GROUPS
OF NOBLES AND
TEACHERS--
STARTING
WITH LOUISE'S
FATHER--
VOICED THEIR
OPPOSITION
TO PULLING
TROOPS FROM
THE ACADEMY.



AS WAR
LOOMED
CLOSER,
TENSIONS
THROUGHOUT
THE COUNTRY
INCREASED.





I MEAN, EVEN
VAIN, WIMPY
GLUCHE SIGNED
UP. MEANWHILE,
I'M STUCK
HERE, SITTING
IN SOME BORING
LECTURE...?



YES, MISS
MONTMO-
RENCY. DO
YOU HAVE A
QUESTION?



SHOULD
WE REALLY
BE WASTING
OUR TIME
IN CLASS?

WE'RE IN
THE MIDST
OF A WAR,
WITH THE
FATE OF OUR
NATION AT
STAKE.



JEEZ...

IT'S
REALLY
SINKING IN
NOW THAT
WE'RE AT
WAR.

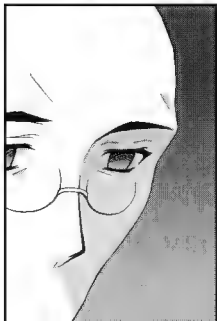
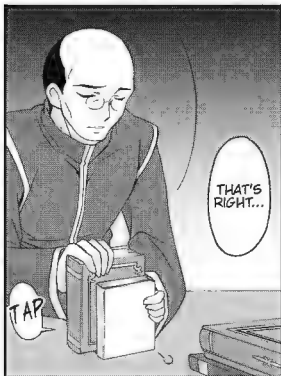
IF I WERE
A MAN, I
WOULD'VE
ENLISTED,
TOO.



IT IS
BECAUSE
WE'RE IN THE
MIDST OF A
WAR THAT YOUR
STUDIES ARE
SO IMPORTANT!
ONLY THROUGH
LEARNING ABOUT
THE PAST CAN WE
SEE JUST HOW
FOOLISH THIS
WAR IS!

YOU ARE
STUDENTS,
AND I
AM YOUR
TEACHER.
THIS IS A
SCHOOL.

WASTING,
YOU SAY?



20
YEARS
AGO

BUT THAT
CAN'T BE THE
ONLY PLACE
WHERE FIRE
CAN SHINE.

THEY SAY
THAT FIRE
IS ONLY
FOR WAR OR
DESTRUCTION...

BURN
THE
ENTIRE
VILLAGE
TO THE
GROUND!

THIS
EPIDEMIC
MUST BE
EXTIN-
GUISHED!

THERE
WILL BE
NOTHING
LEFT BY
THE TIME
WE'RE
DONE.

JUST AS
EXPECTED,
COMMANDER...
HOW MERCI-
LESS.





MR.
COLBERT!







THOUGH I CONFESS IT'S MORE AN APPLICATION OF EXISTING TECHNOLOGIES THAN ANYTHING PURELY NEW...

I DID MANAGE TO CREATE ONE THING, HOWEVER-- THIS, HERE. I THINK YOU'LL FIND IT VERY USEFUL.

I MANAGED TO RECREATE YOUR "GASOLINE" THROUGH MAGIC, BUT I COULDN'T USE MAGIC TO REPLICATE THE GEARS OR PARTS OF THE AIRPLANE...NOT EVEN TO REPLICATE REPLACEMENT BULLETS FOR THE MACHINE GUN.



BUT YOU'LL BE FINE AS LONG AS YOU READ THIS INSTRUCTION MANUAL.

I'M SORRY THAT I HAVEN'T HAD TIME TO EXPLAIN YOUR NEW WEAPONS PROPERLY--I'VE BEEN QUITE BUSY WITH A NUMBER OF PROJECTS...



MR. SAITO...



FLIP
UH... I'LL GET LOUISE TO READ IT TO ME LATER.



I'M READY!

IF, ONE DAY, YOUR WORLD--



I KNOW YOU AREN'T ONE OF THE NOBILITY...

AND, TO BE HONEST, I DIDN'T WANT TO PUT WEAPONS ON ANYTHING ONE OF MY STUDENTS WOULD RIDE.



TURN
30
31

TOOK
YOU
LONG
ENOUGH!



FUME FUME

UM...
SO, MR.
COLBERT?

MAN,
SHE'S BEEN
ACTING LIKE
THIS EVER
SINCE WE
GOT HOME.

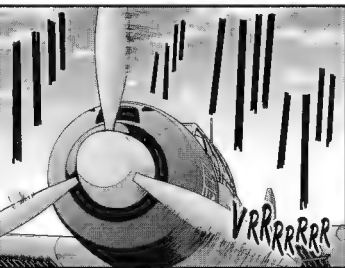


GO ON,
NOW.

IT...WAS
NOTHING.

I--

YOU WERE
SAYING
SOMETHING
BEFORE?



VRRRRRRR



RIGHT,
I GUESS
WE'LL GET
GOING.

MISS
VALLIÈRE!

MR.
SAITO!

VRRRRRRR

DON'T YOU
DARE GET
YOURSELVES
KILLED!

DON'T
DIE!

VRRRRRRRR

EVEN IF IT'S
SHAMEFUL...

VRRRRRRRR

YOU
CAN'T
DIE! YOU
MUSTN'T...

REMEMBER
THE
PEOPLE
WHO'LL
MOURN
YOU!

VRRRRRRRR

VRRRRRR

EVEN
IF THEY
CALL YOU
COWARDS!



IS IT
BECAUSE
I SAID
"I LOVE
YOU,"
THEN
WENT TOO
FAR WITH
HER?



SHE'S
BEEN
PISSED
OFF
EVER
SINCE
WE GOT
BACK
FROM
OUR
TRIP...

HEY,
LOUISE...
WE'RE JUST
ABOUT TO
MEET UP
WITH THE
FLEET,
SO...



VROO...



SULK



HE'S MY
FAMILIAR!

HE
TOLD
ME HE
LOVED
ME!

HOW DARE
HE LAY A
FINGER ON
ANOTHER
WOMAN!



MORE LIKE
THREE
MONTHS
AFTER WE GET
MARRIED...
I CAN'T
BELIEVE I
CONSIDERED
ALLOWING IT
FOR EVEN A
SECOND!!!

EVEN
THOUGH I'LL
NEVER DO
THAT UNTIL
WE GET
MARRIED...

FUME
FUME

HE KISSED
ME AND
TOUCHED
ME ALL
OVER ON
THAT BOAT!

HE TRIED
TO...
WELL...
YOU
KNOW...!



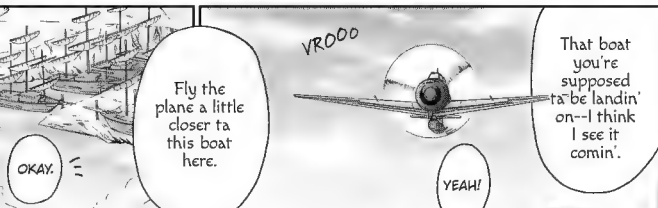
A...
ALLOWING
IT?!



Yo,
partner.



WHAT AM I
THINKING?!



Fly the
plane a little
closer to
this boat
here.

That boat
you're
supposed
ta-be landin'
on--I think
I see it
comin'.

OKAY.

YEAH!



OW!

SMACK

BOAT...?!!

AAH!

HUH? IT'S
THE ONLY
PLACE TO
LAND! WHAT
DO YOU
WANT?!

WAAAAH!

ぽか
THWACK

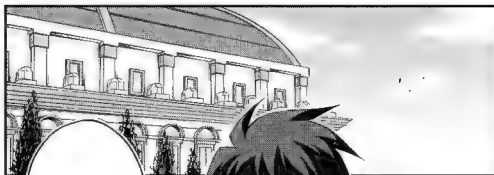
WHY DID
IT HAVE
TO BE A
BOAT,
OF ALL
THINGS?!

LEARN
TO
PICK A
BETTER
PLACE!

Uh...I don't
think she's
talkin' about
this boat,
partner.

ぽか
SMACK

SLAP
ぽか



THANK YOU
FOR COMING,
MISS ZERO.







IN OTHER WORDS, WE NEED TO CONVINCE THEM THAT WE'LL BE LANDING AT A DIFFERENT STRATEGIC POINT, DARDANELLES.

IT IS VITAL THAT WE LAND IN ROSYTH WITH FEW-TO-NO CASUALTIES, SO WE MUST TAKE THEM BY COMPLETE SURPRISE.

WE'LL BEGIN OUR ASSAULT BY LANDING OUR ENTIRE FORCE OF 60,000 TROOPS ON ROSYTH, WHICH IS A VITAL STRATEGIC POINT IN ALBION.

WE WILL COMMAND THE FLEET... AND WE'D LIKE TO ENTRUST THE DISTRACTION TO YOU, MADAM VOID.

IN TERMS OF SHEER NUMBERS, OUR FORCE IS TWICE AS LARGE AS THEIRS. HOWEVER, ALBION'S SUPERIOR MILITARY TRAINING MAY BE ENOUGH TO ERASE OUR ADVANTAGE.



DO I EVEN HAVE A SPELL FOR SOMETHING LIKE THAT...?

A DIVERSION...



THESE BAS-TARDS...

TREATING LOUISE LIKE A TOOL OR A WEAPON...



THAT SHOULD BE A SIMPLE TASK FOR THE LEGENDARY ZERO, NO?

DON'T WORRY, IT'S A SIMPLE RUSE. YOU'LL JUST NEED TO CREATE ENOUGH CHAOS THAT THEY THINK WE'RE LANDING IN DARDANELLES.



WHAT
THE--?

OH,
GREAT.
LOOKS
LIKE
WE'RE
UNWEL-
COME
HERE,
TOO.

IS THIS...
THING...
YOURS?



HEY...

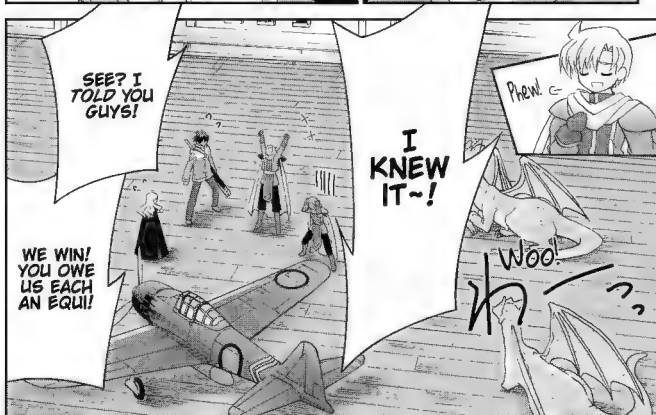


IT'S
CALLED
AN AIR-
PLANE.

NO, IT'S
A TYPE OF
MACHINE.



IS IT
ALIVE?



SEE? I
TOLD YOU
GUYS!

WE WIN!
YOU OWE
US EACH
AN EQUI!

I
KNEW
IT~!

Phew!

Woo!



WHAT
THE--?

OH,
GREAT.
LOOKS
LIKE
WE'RE
UNWEL-
COME
HERE,
TOO.

IS THIS...
THING...
YOURS?



HEY...

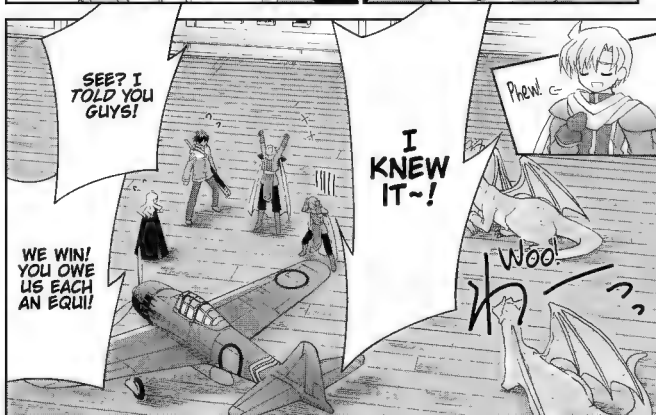


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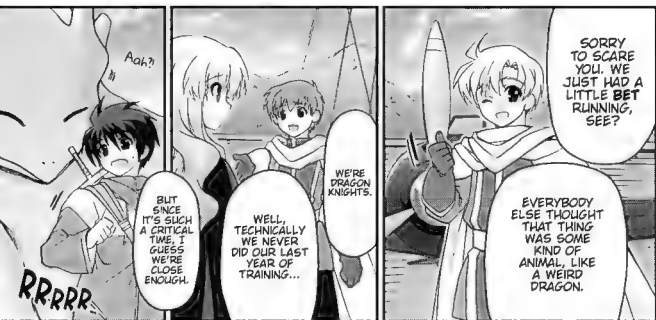
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US EACH
AN EQUI!

I
KNEW
IT~!

Phew!

Woo!





I DON'T
EVEN KNOW
WHERE TO
START...!

THE
DIVERSION
THEY
ASSIGNED
ME... I
WONDER
WHAT MAGIC
I SHOULD
USE FOR IT...

ㄱㅇ
DIZZY

I
NEED
TO
THINK.

POUT



SHOULDN'T
HE BE
THINKING
OF HIS
MISTRESS
AT A TIME
LIKE THIS?!

DRAGONS
AND
DRUNKEN
PARTIES?!
WE GO
TO WAR
TOMOR-
ROW!!

Ha
ha
ha
ha!

IF WE
SNEAK OUT
OF OUR
ROOMS IN
THE MIDDLE
OF THE
NIGHT, WON'T
THE PATROLS
CATCH US
RIGHT
AWAY?

OOH!
I'M IN!

WELP,
NOW THAT
WE'VE GOT A
COUPLE NEW
BUDDIES,
LET'S DRINK
THE NIGHT
AWAY!



SERI-
OUSLY?!





WE CAN MAKE
SOME DUMMIES
TO PUT IN OUR
BEDS WHEN WE
SNEAK OUT!



YOU'D THINK
A FAMILIAR
WOULD WANT
TO HOLD AND
COMFORT
HIS ANXIOUS
MISTRESS
RIGHT ABOUT
NOW...JUST
LIKE ON THAT
BOAT...

DOESN'T
HE GET
THAT WE
BOTH
MIGHT
DIE?!



IGNORING
ME LIKE
THIS IS
UNFOR-
GIV--



I
KNOW!



HUH?

THAT'S
IT...!

I JUST
NEED TO
MAKE
60,000
DUMMIES!



WE CAN MAKE
SOME DUMMIES TO
PUT IN OUR BEDS WHEN
WE SNEAK OUT!



ZERO'S
FAMILIAR
Chevalier



I NEED TO
CREATE A
DIVERSION.



GLOW
to
it...

SO,
THE
SPELL
I
NEED
IS...

I MUST MAKE
THE ENEMY
BELIEVE THAT THE
60,000 TROOPS
COMMANDED BY
HER MAJESTY
ARE LANDING IN
DARDANELLES
INSTEAD OF
ROSYTH.



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FLIP 1107


SMILE





AGNÈS
AND HER
MUSKETEERS
HAVE
ARRIVED.

///
"SHAKE-
SHAKE"



THIS
ISN'T NOBLE
GENTLEMEN
OR TRAINED
SOLDIERS
LINED UP
IN A FIELD.
EVERYONE IS
AT RISK.

THE
MONARCHY
IS CALLING
THIS AN
ALL-OUT
WAR.



HOW CAN
THERE BE ANY
TRUE JUSTICE
WHEN WE
PUT WOMEN
AND CHILDREN
ON THE
BATTLEFIELD?

THANK YOU
FOR YOUR
HARD WORK.
THOUGH WAR
IS ALWAYS
UGLY, THIS
ONE IS
ESPECIALLY
TERRIBLE...



AND DEATH
DOESN'T
DISCRIMINATE.
MAN, WOMAN,
OR CHILD...
DEATH
SIMPLY IS.

///
SWISH

Y-YOU
LOT...WHAT
IS THE
MEANING
OF THIS?!

3
H H H 7
WHISPER

H H H 7
WHISPER

WHISPER

YOU'RE
CANCELING
OUR
CLASSES?!
THERE'S
NO
WAY--!

J-
JUST
A MO-
MENT!

H H H T M P

ALL CLASSES
ARE **CANCELED**,
IMMEDIATELY!
THEY WILL
BE REPLACED
BY **MILITARY
TRAINING**--ALL
OF YOU ARE
TO PRESENT
YOURSELVES IN
FULL UNIFORM IN
THE COURTYARD,
AT ONCE!

WE ARE HER
MAJESTY
THE **QUEEN'S
MUSKETEERS**.
IN THE NAME
OF THE
QUEEN, WE
ORDER YOU...

STOP

IF YOU
WISH TO
PLAY AT
WAR, DO
IT AFTER
WE'RE DONE
WITH OUR
STUDY--

I DON'T CARE
ABOUT YOUR
ORDERS! MY
JOB IS TO
TEACH MY
STUDENTS!

I'M NOT
HAPPY ABOUT
BABYSITTING,
EITHER...BUT
THIS IS AN
ORDER.





WE'RE
ALMOST
AT
DARDA-
NELLES.

ONCE WE
GET THERE,
THE REAL
WORK
BEGINS.



LAST NIGHT,
I FIGURED OUT
THE SPELL I'M
GOING TO USE
FOR THE PLAN
TODAY...

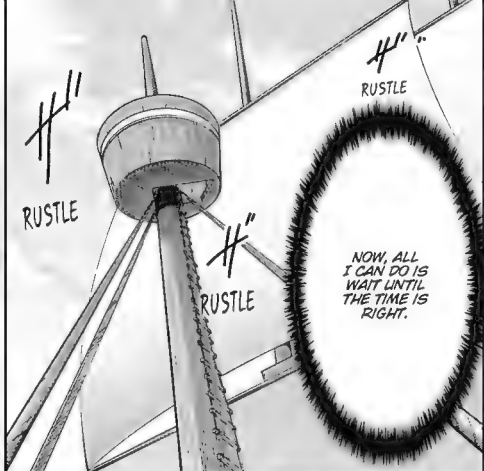


I WAS SO
NERVOUS
AND EXCITED
ABOUT
TODAY THAT I
BARELY GOT
A MOMENT OF
SLEEP LAST
NIGHT...



Noble or
commoner,
everyone
who flies the
skies is my
brother!

BUT IT
LOOKS LIKE
HE WAS UP
ALL NIGHT
PARTYING
WITH THOSE
DRAGON
KNIGHTS.







REPEAT
THE ORDER!

HAVE VOID PREPARE
FOR SORTIE! TARGET
IS DARDANELLES--
I LEAVE THE
PARTICULARS OF THE
MISSION TO HER! HAVE
THE SECOND COMPANY
OF DRAGON KNIGHTS
ACT AS HER ESCORT!



PARTICULARS
OF THE
PLAN AT HER
DISCRETION!
ALL UNITS OF
THE SECOND
COMPANY
OF DRAGON
KNIGHTS WILL
SERVE AS
ESCORT! SIR!!

READY
THE
"VOID"
FOR
BATTLE!
TARGET--
DARDAN-
ELLES!



INTERESTING.



ADVISE
THE
CAPTAINS
OF OUR
SHIPS ON
THE FRONT
LINE...

YES.

NOW
WE'RE
FREE TO
SET OUR
COURSE
FOR
ROSYTH.



DART



EVEN IF
THEY HAVE
TO LITERALLY
RAM INTO THE
ONCOMING SHIPS,
THEY MUST
NOT ALLOW
ANY ENEMY
VESSELS NEAR
THE TRANSPORT
FLEET WITH
OUR LANDING
FORCES.





THEY'RE
UNMANNED
SHIPS
FILLED WITH
GUNPOWDER,
SET TO
CRASH INTO
THE ENEMY
FLEET AND
EXPLODE!

HURRY
UP AND
GO!

HUH?
WHAT'S
GOING
ON?!

CLATTER

HEY,
LOUISE!

IT'S
EASIER
SAID
THAN
DONE...

CRAP,
I CAN'T
INTERRUPT
HER RIGHT
NOW...!

I NEED
MAGIC TO
SPIN THE
PROPELLERS
ON THIS
THING!

DAM-
MIT...!

GRIP





WE'RE
REALLY
GONNA
CRASH!

WE'RE
GONNA
CRASH!

WE'RE
GONNA
CRASH!!

Hey,
partner...
wanna hear
some good
news?

POKE

WEE?

HA RATTLE
HA
RATTLE

WOOOOOSH



GRIP

THEY
ARE...!

RATTLE

RATTLE

RATTLE

GRIND

THEN
MAYBE I
CAN--!!



OH
MY
GOD,
NOT
THE
TIME!

I CAN'T
BELIEVE
I'M
GONNA
DIE LIKE
THIS!

VRRRR

Check it
out--the
propellers
are spinnin'
from the air
pressure,
see?

HUH?





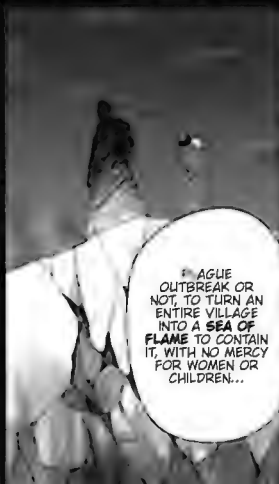


ZERO'S
FAMILIAR
Chevalier



TO ME,
THAT ODOR
IS FINER
THAN ANY
PERFUME.

AH, ISN'T
WAR
GRAND?
THE SMELL
OF LIVING
THINGS
BURNING TO
A CRISP.



PLAGUE
OUTBREAK OR
NOT, TO TURN AN
ENTIRE VILLAGE
INTO A SEA OF
FLAME TO CONTAIN
IT, WITH NO MERCY
FOR WOMEN OR
CHILDREN...



OH, WE
WILL
BURN
THE
VILLAGE
DOWN.



I HAVE A
REQUEST. I'D
LIKE YOU TO
OCCUPY A
PARTICULAR
ESTABLISHMENT
IN TRISTAIN.

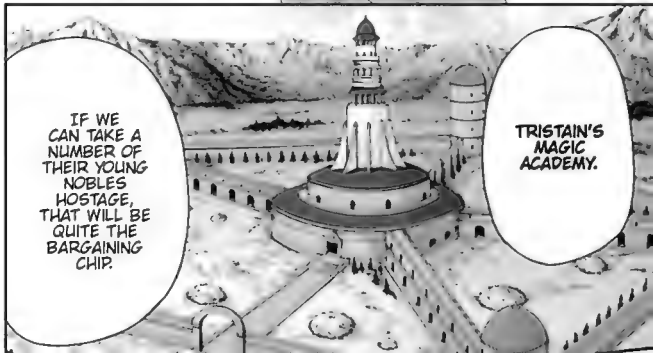
THE LEGENDARY MERCENARY MAGE
"MENVIL OF THE WHITE FLAMES"



BUT IT'S
ACTUALLY
QUITE
IMPORTANT
FROM A
POLITICAL
STANDPOINT...

AND IT'S
FAIRLY FAR
FROM THE
CAPITOL
CITY OF
TRISTANIA.

ITS
DEFENSES
ARE
WEAK...



IF WE
CAN TAKE A
NUMBER OF
THEIR YOUNG
NOBLES
HOSTAGE,
THAT WILL BE
QUITE THE
BARGAINING
CHIP.

TRISTAIN'S
MAGIC
ACADEMY.



ONCE I
TAKE THESE
STUDENTS AS
HOSTAGES...



JUST
TO BE
CLEAR...

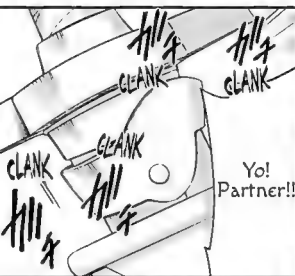


I'M
FREE
TO BURN
THE
REST?

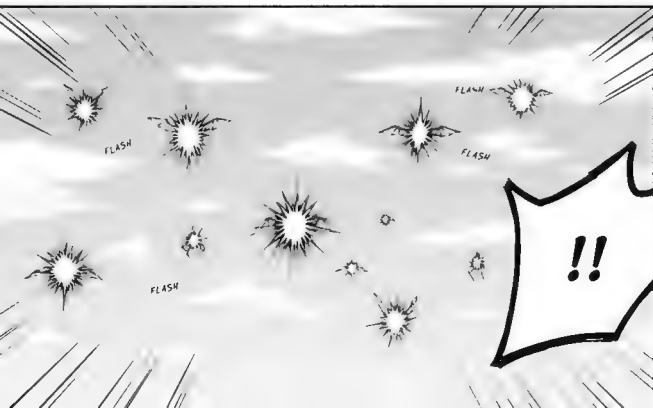
WHISPER

WHISPER





Yo!
Partner!!





URGH! HOW
LONG DO
YOU HAVE
TO FOCUS?!
WE'RE IN THE
MIDDLE OF
A BATTLE,
HERE!!



WORRY ABOUT THAT LATER--I JUST NEED YOU TO READ ME THE INSTRUCTION MANUAL! IT'S UNDER YOUR SEAT.



HURRY UP!

UHM... LET'S SEE...



AT THIS RATE, WE'RE GONNA GET BLOWN OUT OF THE SKY BEFORE YOU CAN EVEN HIT THEM WITH YOUR VOID MAGIC!

WH-WHAT?! WHAT'S GOING ON?!

HUH?



"IT'S A SECRET OF THE FLAME SERPENT."



UHM... "FIRST OF ALL, I NEED YOU TO CALM DOWN AS BEST YOU CAN. AFTER THAT, YOU'LL NEED TO PULL ON THE LEVER RIGHT NEXT TO THE STICK THAT CONTROLS THE ENGINE APERTURE."



"BUT PLEASE KEEP READING THIS."

WHAT THE HECK WAS THE OLD MAN THINKING?!

UHM... "MY DEAR, MR. SAITO, IF YOU'RE READING THIS, THEN SURELY YOU'VE FOUND YOURSELF IN QUITE A BIND. AND THAT'S NO GOOD AT ALL!"





LET
ME
SEE...

CRUD...
LOUISE!
DID IT SAY
ANYTHING
ELSE?!



FLAP

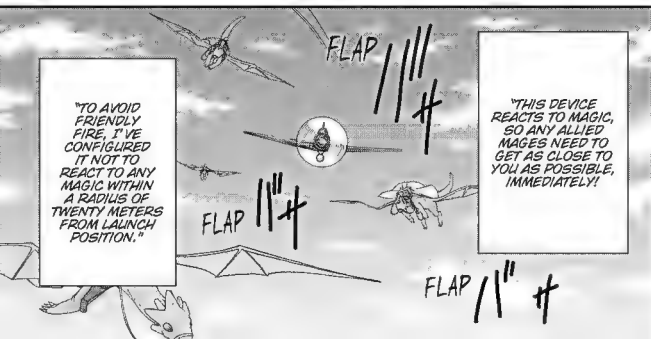
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"OH, I
ALMOST
FORGOT! A
WORD OF
WARNING--
IF YOU HAVE
ANY ALLIES
WITH YOU,
YOU'LL WANT
TO GATHER
THEM UP AS
CLOSE AS
YOU CAN!



YANK

"NOW, TUG
ON THE
TONGUE OF
HAPPY MR.
SNAKE...



"TO AVOID
FRIENDLY
FIRE, I'VE
CONFIGURED
IT NOT TO
REACT TO ANY
MAGIC WITHIN
A RADIUS OF
TWENTY METERS
FROM LAUNCH
POSITION."

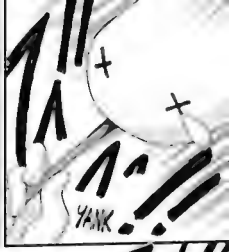
FLAP

FLAP

FLAP

"THIS DEVICE
REACTS TO MAGIC,
SO ANY ALLIED
MAGES NEED TO
GET AS CLOSE TO
YOU AS POSSIBLE,
IMMEDIATELY!

FLAP



"MY TALENT IS
TERRIFYING!
THESE ARE IRON
FIRE ARROWS
DRIVEN FORWARD
WITH BURNING
GUNPOWDER.
YOU CAN CALL
THEM 'FLYING
MR. SNAKES,' IF
YOU'D LIKE."

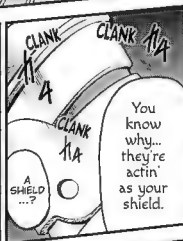
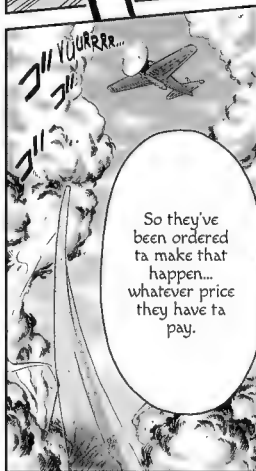


VRRRRRR



CRAP,
WE'RE
GONNA
GET
HIT!

WHAM





Are you
not gettin'
what this
plan involves,
partner?



SWAP



WHAT?!
HOW
COULD
THEY
JUST DO
SOMETHING
LIKE
THAT?!



KA-
BOOOOM!



Heya,
little
lady!



ARE YOU
FREAKING
KIDDING
ME?!



Pull the
lever
under
your
seat!



That's prob'ly
that last new
weapon the
old man put
on this plane.

TURN



Partner,
don't you
dare pull
that control
rod!

If you
pull it
upright at
this speed,
the entire
plane'll fall
apart!

HEY! GET
BACK!
DON'T
EVEN
THINK
ABOUT
USING
THOSE
GUYS'
LIVES TO
BLOCK US
FROM THE
ENEMY!!

RRRRRRR...



I
KNOW...
I KNOW
THAT!

THOSE
GUYS ARE
GONNA
DIE FOR
US, EVEN
THOUGH
THEY JUST
MET US
YESTERDAY!

I DON'T
EVEN
KNOW
THEIR
NAMES!

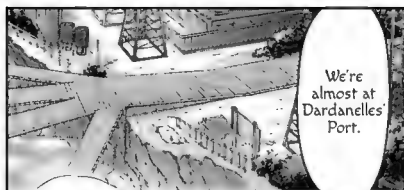
THIS
IS SO
MESSED
UP...
CAN'T
YOU
SEE
THAT?!

AND THEIR
MISSION IS
TO ESCORT
US SAFELY,
SO WE HAVE
A CHANCE
TO DO IT!

BUT WE
HAVE A
MISSION--
TO HIT THE
ENEMY WITH
THE VOID
SPELL!

AND THEIR
SACRIFICE
WILL BE IN
VAIN!

DON'T YOU
SEE? IF WE
TURN BACK
NOW, OUR
PLAN FAILS...





SSH

NO MATTER
WHAT,
THE PLAN
MUST
SUCCEED...

TO

APPEAR

TO

TO

4

WOBBLE

5

I'LL
MAKE
IT
WORK,
FOR
ALL OF
THEM!



DARDA-
NELLES?!



TURN
THE
FLEET
AROUND!
EVERY
SHIP!



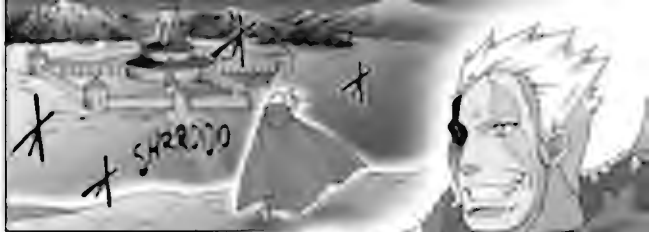
I
THOUGHT
THE
ENEMY
WAS
HEADED
FOR
ROSYTH!



WE'LL BE
IN TROUBLE
IF THEY
INVAD...
WE'RE SO
DEFENSELESS.



OUR
30,000-
STRONG
ALBION
FORCE IS
ALREADY
HEADED
FOR
ROSYTH.



HOW... HOW CAN I
JUST ACCEPT THAT?!





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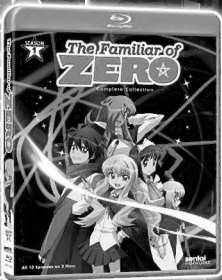
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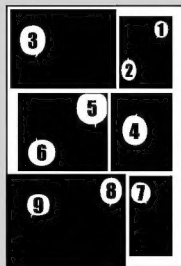
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